

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Approved September 15, 2026

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Christopher McGee called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a subsequent moment of silence.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Christopher McGee read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in The Express Times and The Star-Ledger posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present

President, Christopher McGee
Vice-President, Jennifer Pettinelli
Lindsey Culcasi
Danielle Lopazanski
Brian Williams

Absent

Craig Dunwell
Loretta Reed

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

III. PRESENTATION

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Referendum Committee – the committee met on 7/24 with the architect and board attorney to discuss priorities and ADA requirements. The architect would like to walk through the building with the engineer to better assess. The committee is working on facilitating that walk through.

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V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VI. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

Operations: Day care bussing – 4 Kids Only Daycare recently closed creating a problem for some parents getting their kids to aftercare. We agreed to temporarily agreement allowing those kids that need to be picked up a little early by their new daycare to leave a few minutes early.

We discussed the waiver for kindergarten class size and Mr. Cohen advised that we will not have any issue getting the needed waiver.

Personnel: All aides hired. We actually lost one aide and will need to replace them as soon as possible.

Policy: Reviewed any changes from last policy discussion. The second vote will be at the next regular meeting.

Budget: Realities of this year's tight budget. Mr. Cohen advised that he will keep looking for ways to save money and asked anyone who has any ideas to please share them.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Science teacher still intends on having a science club. We need to find stipend money somewhere to allow that to happen.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on a motion by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Brian Williams.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher McGee
Board President